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(3) A particular case in question, which exemplifies the BfV problem, concerns Dr. Gustav HALSWICK, alias Dr. JHNER or Dr. LOECHNER, who has been an unofficial, covert employee ("freier Mitarbeiter") of the BfV since an undetermined date in 1953 or 1954. The French Surete Liaison Officer (M. Leon POHL) learned in September of 1954 that HALSWICK had been covertly employed by the BfV to head a small covert section within the BfV's former Department II (Intelligence Collection). The Section was to be known as "Reforat Grenzlaender West (Section Border Land West) and was to concern itself with counter intelligence activity along the West German borders with Switzerland, France, the Saar (then not a part of the Federal Republic), Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands.

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(4) Largely as a result of French protests the sections were never established. The French objected primarily to any BfV activity along the French/German border which then included the Saar and, incidentally, Dr. HALSWICK. HALSWICK, a long-time German criminal police official, had been a member of the NSDAP and the Nazi SS and SD. He had been with the SD in Paris during the war.

(5) When the BfV dropped its plan to establish "Referat Grenzlaender West" HALSWICK was utilized as head of the covert investigations team, the so-called "Haus Kapolle", in the former Department II, now under the auspices of Department IV. This investigations team, composed entirely of covert BfV employees, is concerned with covert investigations and surveillances; on occasion members of the staff have been seconded to the BfV Security Department for personnel security investigations.

(6) HALSWICK has headed the "Haus Kapolle" since 1954. He had never been converted to the status of a regular, official employee by the BfV owing to his Nazi, SS and SD background. In addition, they concealed his identity and he adopted or was given the alias of Dr. LOCHNER or LOECHNER. However, consideration is now being given to the official appointment of HALSWICK as a regular member of the BfV staff to replace Karl ESCHWEILER, Head of Section V-2 (Complaint Cases and Physical Security in Government Agencies). ESCHWEILER is contemplating a transfer in the near future from the BfV to head the Security Section of the Foreign Office ("Auswaertiges Amt").

(7) If HALSWICK is appointed to succeed ESCHWEILER the question will be one with which the Allied liaison officers to the BfV, representatives of other West European countries in close liaison with the BfV and the

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BfV itself will have to work out. This will be a particularly difficult problem for the French, whose resentment against former Nazis, and especially those of the SS, SD and Gestapo who served in France, remains very strong. It will also be difficult for the BfV which must consider the consequences on the relationship with those people dealing with the BfV that might be offended.

(8) In HALSWICK's case the BfV simply doesn't have any other suitable, experienced replacement for ESCHWEILER. He seems to be highly regarded by BfV officials and despite his background, it is not unlikely that he will be given this appointment.

(9) The information reported here substantiates previous correspondence on the current problems of the BfV to maintain and extend a qualified staff of intelligence officials. For background material refer to the Monthly Report of Liaison with Official West German Agencies for May 1957, Section 2; paragraph b., Personnel Strength and Structure of the BfV.

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Dr. Gustav HALSWICK

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Unofficial, Covert Employee of BfV

1. (CONFIDENTIAL) Dr. Gustav HALSWICK was born at KOELN, Prussia on 1 March 1902. His father, Otto HALSWICK, was a Postinspoktor. His mother's name was Elisabeth HALSWICK, now LOECHNER.

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) He began his schooling at an elementary school and realgymnasium in COLOGNE. In 1922 he began law studies at the Universities of KOELN and BONN. In 1926 HALSWICK passed "Dr. jur" examinations at KOELN. During his studies he was a member of the VG Turnerschaft (student organization) and fought "Schlaeger and Swobolmensuren" (fencing). During his vacations he worked at various enterprises for school money.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL) On 1 January 1927 HALSWICK was employed by the Police Presidency BOCHUM, Prussian Civil Service, as a candidate for the position of a Kriminal Assessor and effective 1 April 1927 as a candidate for Kriminal Kommissar. He passed the Kriminal Kommissar examination 9 October 1928 at the Higher Police School EICHE. On 1 May 1929 he was named for lifetime as a Kriminal Kommissar. HALSWICK was employed by the Kriminal Kirektion in BOCHUM as an Office Chief from 10 October 1928 to 31 December 1935. He also trained students as candidates for careers as Criminal Police Officials.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) During 1930 HALSWICK attended a course for sports teachers of the Criminal Police at BERLIN-SPANDAU. The next few years he attended many technical criminal special courses at the Police Instituto in BERLIN-CHARLOTTENBURG. On 1 January 1936 he was employed as an instructor at a school for the training of leaders for the security police. HALSWICK joined the NSDAP on 1 May 1937 and worked as a Blockloitor, starting 1 November 1937.

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5. (CONFIDENTIAL) HALSWICK was a member of the Army reserve and served two short tours of active duty with the 15th Replacement Co of Infantry Regiment 67. The dates of his tours were 2 January to 1 May 1937 and 7 March to 6 May 1938.

6. (CONFIDENTIAL) HALSWICK held the rank of Obersturmfuehrer on 1 July 1939 in the Allg. SS. He was promoted to Hauptsturmfuehrer on 9 November 1939 and to Sturmbannfuehrer on 9 November 1942. His Allg. SS unit was Reichssicherheitshauptamt.

7. (CONFIDENTIAL) During 1943 and 1944 (dates unknown) HALSWICK was with the Police Office in KOBLENZ. To August of 1944 he was "Sicherheitspolizei" and "SD" commandor in Paris. When this post was cancelled HALSWICK was transferred to the Criminal Police (Kripoleitstelle) on 1 September 1944. His promotions were Kriminalrat (Councillor on Crime) 1 June 1939 and Kriminal Direktor (Director of Criminal Police) 31 May 1943.

8. (SECRET) In 1952 HALSWICK was employed as a full time informant-agent of the FSA. He operated from his residence in COLOGNE. At an undetermined date in 1953 or 1954 HALSWICK was employed by the BfV as a covert, un-official employee in charge of the "Haus Kapelle", an investigation team. He is now being considered as a replacement for Karl ESCHWEILER, head of Section V-2 (Complaint Cases and Physical Security in Government Agencies). In this position he would be changed to the regular, official status of BfV personnel.

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